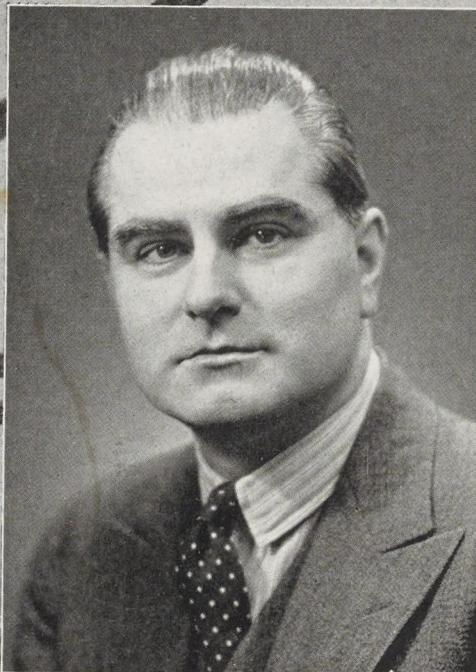


# Goodbye

**Mr. Pickering**



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## OUR GENERAL

The name and the man, **Edward A. Pickering**, will long be remembered in Regina branch by every employee who has come to know our popular General Manager. Our president has chosen him for a more comprehensive field in Toronto and we are proud.

His loyal friends, from the top of the building to the boiler room, Mail Order, Retail or Warehouse will remember "the boss" for many reasons . . .

- His cheery greetings always accompanied by a name,
- His diligence and inspiration,
- His open door, the many improvements and privileges his efforts effected and his keen interest in employee welfare.
- For the staunch support and patient advice always available to the Social Club,
- For conceiving the happy idea of honoring 25 Year Club members at dinner from which thought developed the present functions held in honor of these long service employees,
- And then this excellent staff medium, The Digger, owes its organization and existence to E. A. Pickering. Yes, many of us shall miss him for his love of fun, others



ANNUAL PICNIC, 1950—GROUP IN OLD FASHIONED CLOTHES

## MANAGER . . .

know him from the curling rink, where he throws a "mean rock", —our Social Club dances are never quite complete without Mr. and Mrs. Pickering; his individual greeting to everyone on the annual picnic train and good sportsmanship during the day are things not easily forgotten.

It is not only we Simpsonites who have reason to feel a loss. Regina has benefited from its association with our Mr. Pickering and we have been proud that many organizations have sought to profit from his keen business judgment and diplomacy by appointing him to their Boards of Directors. It is said he has been a good-will ambassador for Simpson's in the West and as one Regina business man expressed it, "it is just nice to know that he is there!"

We are losing a true friend, but as one writer has said, "time and change are busy ever—" and so we must accept progress. To Mr. Pickering we can only continue to wish the very best from life in health, happiness and success.

—And, many thanks for being such a swell guy!



THE FIRST ROCK, 1945



BOWLING BANQUET, 1950—PRESENTING CUP

# Glimpsed at the Company Dinner in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pickering

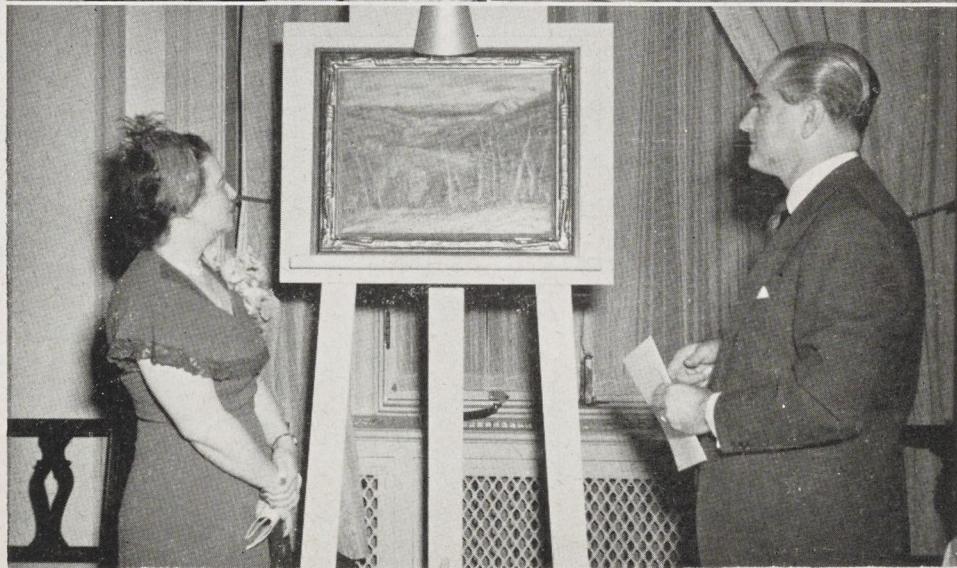
October 19th, Hotel Saskatchewan



The Receiving Line



One, two, three—Conga!



Mr. and Mrs. Pickering admiring Henderson's painting of the Qu'Appelle Valley—presented to them by Mr. Fogarty on behalf of the managers.

# About People You Know . . .

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

- Danny Dobrescu**, Accounts Payable, has resumed his studies at Balfour Tech.
- Ella McCrea**, Invoice Office, also left to resume her studies.
- Margot Moffat**, Sales Audit, is now attending the Saskatchewan University.
- Julie Hubic**, 62 Department, left recently for her home at Pelly, Sask.
- Saskatoon is the new address of **Eleanor Dubanski**, formerly of Department 62.
- Alma Kattler**, October bride-elect, was honored at a surprise farewell party by her co-workers of the Tailor-Shop.
- The Wages Office said goodbye to **Shirley Olausen** and **Bess Eisler**. Shirley is heading for the West Coast, and Bess is taking another position.
- The "Homemakers' Club" gained another member when **Helen McLeod** left the Order Review.
- Mary Shenher**, bride-elect, concluded almost three years service with the company when she left the Order Review recently.
- The Recording Department said goodbye to **Anne Wintonyk** with a presentation of a tea pot and cups and saucers prior to her recent marriage.
- Mrs. Muriel Dempster**, Recording Department, left to devote full time to home and husband.
- Miss Anne Gaube** was the pleased recipient of rhinestone earrings and necklace when she was recently transferred from Sales Audit to the Charge Office.
- Jean Hopson**, Sales Analysis left recently to make England her new home.
- A cup and saucer shower was held at the home of **Miss Pat Naden** on September 21st honoring **Miss Joanne Butterfield**, Department 895.
- The Maintenance Office were glad to see **Joe Prizeman** a former employee, when he dropped in for a short visit recently. Mr. Prizeman is now living at the West Coast.
- Mrs. Marjorie MacGregor**, formerly of the Wages Office, called to say hello with her wee girl, Laura.
- A "welcome back" is extended to **John Kipper**, Maintenance, who has been absent for several months due to an accident.
- Miss **Alma Kattler** (W.C.A. Work-room), an October bride-elect, was honored by friends at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Winnie Wittall. Contests provided entertainment for the evening.
- Mrs. Davidson** (nee Jean Millar) and her son were visitors to the Maintenance Office.
- A linen shower held at the home of Mrs. J. Audette honored **Miss Eleanor Smith** (China Dept.), bride-elect. Guests included former staff members as well as Eleanor's fellow-workers.
- A surprise birthday party in honor of **Miss Peggy Murray**, Buying Department, was held at the home of Miss Ethel Penfold. During the evening games were enjoyed by guests including staff members and others, prizes going to Olive Jesse and Helen Milani.
- Prior to her marriage **Joane Butterfield** was the lucky recipient of an electric tea kettle and electric toaster from the gang of 895 Department.
- Guest of honor at a shower recently held by the Sales Audit staff in the Service Building Cafeteria, **Miss Frances Schulz** received linen as a token of the staff's good wishes.
- The Recording Department honoured **Florence Lytle** at a surprise bridal shower at which she was presented with a lovely torchiere lamp.
- Betty Ferris**, Sales Analysis, received a woolen blanket as a wedding gift from the staff. Betty was married during her holidays.
- A shower was held in honor of **Maxine Doraty** in the home of Mrs. Parkin (Cash Office). Maxine was presented with a iron and ironing board. Maxine left to be married October 13th.
- A presentation of a set of towels and matching face cloths was made by Mrs. Parkin (Cash Office), to **Maxine Doraty** prior to her recent marriage.
- Welcomed visitors to the Cash Office this month were **Miss Sonja Gibbons**, **Mrs. Irene Adams** (Lyons), **Mrs. Joesy Lawrence** (Lanagan), also **Mrs. Alice Grasley**.



John Blaze of the Staple Department, took Marjorie Sumner as his bride on September 28th in a lovely ceremony performed at St. Aiden's Anglican Church, Winnipeg.

## AND SO THEY



Joan Harper, Elevators, exchanged vows with Bruce Hain on October 7th in a simple ceremony in St. Andrew's United Church manse.



In a double ring ceremony at Carmichael Church on September 2nd, Mildred Anslow, of the Wage Office, was united in marriage with Alan Dudlets.

Vows were solemnized when Mary Shenher formerly of the Order Review, was married to Walter Tornberg on October 4th at Verwood, Saskatchewan.

Grace Lutheran Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on September 30th, when Frances Schulz, Sales Audit, and Mr. Rae Greening, were united in marriage.

# WERE WED . . .



In a beautiful double-ring ceremony on September 16th, **Eleanor Smith** of the China Department, became the bride of **Fred Van Alstine**.



**Joanne Butterfield**, 895 Department, became the bride of **Robert Ritchie** on September 23rd in a pretty ceremony at St. Matthew's Anglican Church.



**Florence Lytle**, Recording Department, became the wife of **Victor Lawford** on September 30th, in a charming ceremony at Wascana United Church.



The Church of the Little Flower was the scene for **Mary Kuffner's** marriage to **Frank Jacobs**, September 16th. Mary is in the Returns Department.



## JOINS THE 25 YEAR CLUB

The Digger extends a welcome to Mr. R. L. Jean who, on November 3rd, officially becomes a member of the 25 Year Club.

Bob joined the company in September, 1920. He began in the mail order 36 Department and from there moved through Returns, Supply and Department 37; the latter department being his livelihood until he left the company in February of 1928. In October of 1931 he rejoined

Simpson's and went into "K" group, then through the mail order Bargain Section where he stayed until again taking leave of Simpson's in April of 1932. In November of 1933 he returned to the fold and, with the exception of two years spent in the army, he has been with Simpson's ever since. During the past 17 years he has seen service with "G" group, Retail Operating (Assistant Store Superintendent) Manager of Store Services and, in addition to the latter, on October of 1950, Manager of the Service Centre.

Congratulations, Mr. Jean!

## 25 YEAR CLUB MEMBERS ENTERTAINED

In honor of this year's 25 year club members, their wives and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Reid graciously entertained in their lovely home on Sunday, October 1st. Mrs. Pickering cut the 25 year club birthday cake. New members present included Mrs. Mary Ennis, Mr. Ed. Barnes, Mr. R. L. Jean and Mr. S. M. Duncan.

The group left the next morning to attend the inaugural dinner in Toronto.



## E 1950 ADDITION TO THE 25 YEAR CLUB

It was a cold Regina the 25 Year Club put behind them when they left for Toronto October 2nd. Everyone was in a gay mood as the special car sat on track 2 awaiting the 9.15 departure and company officials went from person to person wishing each a bon voyage.

The trip down was very pleasant and ended in the same plane when Mr. and Mrs. Townley, of the Toronto branch, met the train at 7.00 a.m. Wednesday and welcomed the Regina group to the East.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday were spent at functions and tours arranged in honor of the 72 new members from coast to coast. Following, for example, are Thursday's events:

A.M.—Tour of Toronto retail.

Lunch at the Arcadian Court.

P.M.—Tour of Toronto Mail Order.

In the evening the event of the trip took place with a banquet in the Arcadian Court of the Toronto retail. Mr. E. G. Burton was chairman and

presented each new member with a gold watch, a blue and gold 25 Year Club pin, and a scroll commemorating the event. Mr. Burton himself became a member this year and was presented with the above mementoes by his father, Mr. C. L. Burton. Mr. Henri Caron of the Toronto Order Office Supervision replied on behalf of the new members.

Several well-known artists, such as the Lunds and Jean Marshall, entertained the group.

On Friday the group visited Glenerin Hall, then, after lunch, returned to Toronto where they toured the city in the afternoon. The new members travelled to Niagara Falls on Saturday where lunch at the General Brock Hotel and the return trip to Toronto completed the planned portion of their trip. The members returned to Regina individually.

Congratulations to our five new members.

# We Are Glad To See Our Hospital Register So Short This Month . . .

Basil Currie, Exhibition Warehouse, was hospitalized for a few days.

Evelyn Malnyk in the Wage Office has been a hospital patient also.

Paul Uhren of the Maintenance Office is spending a month convalescing at Glenerin Hall after his recent illness.

## "STORK STOPS"

Our editor and his wife, the John Tappins, welcomed a third son on October 4th, Douglas Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Randall became the parents of a daughter, Valerie

Ann, on September 19th. Alton is employed in 858 Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gledhill announced the arrival of their second child, a daughter. Harold is in the Monthly Payment Department.

## We Extend Sincere Sympathy to . . .

**Leo Bracy**, Retail Operating in the passing of his father on October 5th.

**Hazel MacFarlane**, Special Contract Division, in the loss of her father at Nokomis.

## Jack Morris Wins 2nd Prize

Jack Morris has been awarded 2nd prize for general appearance of his buildings and grounds at 21 Broad Street. This is an annual provincial competition applicable to Veteran's Land Act small holdings of less than an acre.

Congratulations, Jack!

## September Winners

Order Office Supervision has announced that the Red Deer Order Office is the winner of the Order Office Sales Contest for September. Red Deer ended the month with sales 111.7% over budget.

We are glad to see Mr. Wright back to work after an injury to his foot.

Glad to see Ed. Short, Maintenance, back at work.



## This Month The DIGGER APPLAUDS

Mrs. Parkin who for the past 22 years has been Honorary Librarian in this Branch.

At the October social club dinner, Mrs. Parkin, guest of honour, was presented with an end table by Ernie Harris in appreciation of the hundreds of hours she has spent in the administration of our libraries.

A novel idea of "share-your reading" was the beginning of the staff library in 1926 when the staff donated books

for their fellow members to read and enjoy. Recently it was decided to discontinue the libraries and Mrs. Parkin has assumed the final responsibility of disposing of the many books that have accumulated over the years. These will be distributed among charitable institutions in Regina and other Saskatchewan points.

## Visitors To Regina

We were pleased to greet:

Mr. D. H. Gibson, of Toronto, a director of our Company, on September 30th.

Mr. C. L. Burton, Chairman of the Board, on October 7th.

Mr. L. E. Wicklum, of Toronto, Manager of the Special Contract Division, on October 12th.

Mr. E. G. Burton, President, on October 17th and 18th.

# THE DIGGER DINNER



## Thank You!

On October 3rd the former executive and staff of the Digger and the 1950-1951 executive were guests of the Company at a delightfully informal dinner held at the Hotel Saskatchewan.

Combined with good food and good fellowship was some royal entertainment by local artists, Ray Hunker and Jack Cook accompanied by Lois Pearson. Ken Allan lead the sing-song.

The guests were greatly moved (?) by a skit put on by the present Digger

executive revealing a tragedy in the history of The Bobbed Sampson Western Unlimited.

In his remarks to the group Mr. Pickering outlined the history of the Digger and lauded the retiring staff for their excellent contribution to the development of this "healthy child". His words of encouragement resulted in the present executive silently dedicating their energies to an even bigger and better staff paper.

For a enjoyable evening, for the Company's inspiring interest and encouragement and its kindly show of appreciation we say "Thank You".

# The Sportsman's Corner

By CLARE BELL

## Golf . . .

The Retail has sent a runner to Broad Street. They have at last found a winner to champion their cause for the Rielly Cup. Dave Soutar, he of the strong right arm, edged Peter Popp for the honors in the Retail division. Fred Walters is the Mail Order contender and must give Dave two strokes.

## Bowling . . .

The Monday and Tuesday people are hard at it now. A delegation of bowlers paid me a short visit. It seems they wanted me to go out and try it so that I could give it sensible coverage. Heck! That wouldn't make any difference Well, I got rid of them; I told them I had made quite a study of it, saw a chap bowl 453 the other night. They mumbled about this and left me alone.

There have been some pretty impressive marks on the wall to date in the bowling leagues. Here are a few of the top scores for you people to shoot at. It's early in the season so try to beat these.

### High Teams so far:

Monday—No-Good-Nics .....	107 pts.
Tuesday—Hoot-N-Annies .....	127½ pts.

### High Girls' Average:

Monday—Elsie Mundt .....	235 pts.
Tuesday—Jean Frazer .....	229 pts.

### Men's High Average:

Monday—Tubby Thauberger .....	249 pts.
Tuesday—Hank Britton .....	257 pts.

### High Team Scores:

Monday—One game— No-Good-Nics .....	1218 pts.
Three games— No-Good-Nics .....	3406 pts.

Tuesday—One game— Hoot-N-Annies .....	1218 pts.
Three games— Hoot-N-Annies .....	3235 pts.

If any of these scores are wrong, phone Johnny Tappin; if they are O.K., read the Digger next month.

## Curling . . .

Well, first things first, I guess. (The little girl who knocked me down a month ago won't agree, I know.) The ardent curlers or hurlers had themselves an organization meeting. Everybody seemed anxious to start a few new feuds and clean up last year's leftovers.

There was considerable chatter about curling, ice, time to curl, whocurls who, and the make up of teams. We all agree that these are problems to be handled by the duly appointed executive. There was an election to choose a president, vice-president, secretary and three executive members to take over such duties as are allocated by the executive group. The executive for the 1950-51 Curling Season are as follows and a very able group they are too:

President - - -	Ken Wright
Vice-President - -	Keith Kilpatrick
Secretary - -	Helen Henderson
Three Executive Members - - -	George Doust Gus Buhler Bill Coburn

I attended the organization meeting—fees, and money seemed the controversial points. In my opinion \$9.00 for the season (\$1.00 entrance fee plus \$4.00 payable on December 1st and again on February 9th) isn't too much for a season packed with organized companionship. At that rate we can curl for 25¢ an hour or 50¢ a game and I think I'll still have a few "shekels" left over for eating, drinking (cokes) and treating my wife.

The schedule calls for a start on Wednesday, November 15th, for the Retail, and November 18th, for the Mail Order.

Let's start the season out in the proper spirit. I believe it's just plain fun we're out for and friends (if you're still there) it's there for the asking.

There is a large membership drive on for new members. If you can't curl, can't lift a rock, have never seen the game; if you fit into any or all of these categories and think you want to curl, see your Social Club Floor Representative or any of the curling executives.

## Gus Buhler elected to Branch Advisory Committee



Congratulations to Gus Buhler who has been elected to the Advisory Committee of the Simpson Employees' Savings and Profit Sharing Fund. Gus is a popular member of our Maintenance staff having joined the Company in July, 1944.

The committee of three, including Miss Ethel Swayze and Tony LeBoldus hold monthly meetings with all employees as they become eligible to join the Fund to outline the benefits and generally look after the members' interest. If you require any information about the Fund be sure to contact them or the Employment and Training Department.

—And many thanks to Mr. Orville Shea, the retiring chairman for his excellent service in heading up this committee for the past two years.

### *We are pleased to report the following appointments:*

Mr. R. J. Cronk, Assistant Manager, Department 858 (Toys, Sporting Goods, Luggage, Wheel Goods). Mr. Cronk will temporarily replace Mr. Gerow during his absence through illness.



Mr. R. M. Millar, Manager, Retail Porters and Watchmen.

Mr. A. W. Dodds, Acting Manager, Department 853 (Curtains, Draperies). Mr. Dodds will continue as manager of Department 850 and Department 860.



Mr. N. J. Britton, Manager, Departments 21, 22, 23, 24. Mr. Britton succeeds Mr. A. E. Larkin, who has retired.

### News From Moose Jaw Order Office

Miss Francis Grace Spiller and Mr. Fredrick William Jardine were united in marriage at St. John's Church, Moose Jaw, on the 27th of September. All the Moose Jaw staff sincerely wish Mr. and Mrs. Jardine the best of luck and a lifetime of happiness.

It was unanimously decided at a staff meeting held on the 28th of September in Moose Jaw that any future staff weddings would be held on Saturdays prior to long weekends.



## ALLEMANDE LEFT WITH THE CORNERS ALL!

"Hunt that rabbit, chase that coon,  
Chase that pretty girl around the room,  
Jump up crooked and come down straight  
Swing your honey on the garden gate."

As gay as this Grand Chain reel and dressed in a typically "hard time" manner was the fun-loving crowd of 800 that packed the Trianon Ballroom on September 29th on the occasion of our Harvest Hoe-Down.

Blue jeans, loud checkered shirts, slacks and hats of all de-

scriptions was the festive dress chosen by "miladi" and her escort. Bill Dimitri and his orchestra provided music to suit every taste. Reels, old-time waltzes and two-steps were amazingly well executed.

One of the highlights of the evening was the potato dance, winners of which were Jean and Les Chapman.

A cedar chest was the choice of Connie Walsh, Order Review, when her name was drawn for the door prize.

We compliment our Social Club executive on another social success.

# THE Digger

A monthly publication by the staff of Simpson's, Regina.

Managing Editor	- - - - -	John Tappin
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Production Editor	- - - - -	Bill Brunt
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A tramp knocked on the door of the inn known as "George and the Dragon". The landlady opened the door and the tramp asked "Could you spare a hungry man a bite to eat?" "No," replied the landlady, slamming the door in his face. A few minutes later the tramp knocked again. The landlady came to the door once more. This time the tramp asked, "Could I have a few words with George?"



# SHAKERS!

A suburbanite sitting at his window one evening casually called to his wife: "There goes that woman Charley Jones is so terribly in love with."

His wife, in the kitchen, dropped a plate, knocked over a lamp, and craned her neck to look out the window.

"Where, where?" she panted.

"There," he pointed, "that woman in the gabardine suit, on the corner."

"You idiot," she hissed, "that's his wife."

"Yes, of course," he replied.



An artist was employed to renovate and retouch some oil paintings in an old church and when he sent in his bill for \$124.00 was informed that an itemized account was required. Whereupon the following was duly presented:

For correcting the Ten Commandments .....	\$ 20.00
For renewing heaven and adjusting the stars .....	28.00
For touching up purgatory and restoring the lost souls .....	12.00
For brightening up the flame of hell, putting a new tail on the devil and doing odd jobs for the damned .....	28.00
For putting a new stone in in David's sling and arranging Goliath's head .....	24.00
For mending shirt of Prodigal Son .....	12.00
	\$124.00



Many a woman who can't add can certainly distract.



If Indian women are squaws what are Indian children? "Squabs".

An American professor, visiting in Paris, met three professors from the Academy de France. In the course of conversation the American asked the professors for the correct definition of "savoire faire".

"Well," said the first professor, "I will try to explain." "If I should come home some evening and find a man kissing my wife and I teep my hat and say 'Good evening', that is *savoire faire*."

"Not quite," said the second. "If I should come home some evening and find a man kissing my wife and I teep my hat and say 'Good evening. Continue, please', that is *savoire faire*."

"No, not quite," put in the third. "If I should come home some evening and find a man kissing my wife and I teep my hat and say 'Good evening. Continue, please' and he can continue, that is *savoire faire*."



Dim lights have more scandal power.



Three successive notices in the classified column of a small weekly paper tell their own story.

MARCH 22nd: "For sale, slightly used farm wench in good condition. Very handy. Phone 366r2. A. Cartwright."

MARCH 29th: "Correction. Due to an unfortunate error Mr. Cartwright's ad last week was not clear. He has an excellent winch for sale. We trust this will put an end to the jesters who have called Mr. Cartwright and greatly bothered his housekeeper, Mrs. Hargreaves, who loves with him."

APRIL 5th: "Notice! My WINCH is not for sale. I put a sledge hammer to it. Don't bother calling 366r2. I had the phone taken out. I am NOT carrying on with Mrs. Hargreaves. She merely LIVES here. A. Cartwright."